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Ladd Lane Shooting Incident

On Monday evening, May 15, 2017, at approximately 5:03 p.m., Frederick County Emergency Communications received a report of what was believed to be gunshots coming from the area of the Emmanuel Alliance Church in the 7100 block of Ladd Lane in Frederick. The church faces New Design Road. The caller also indicated that they observed individuals fleeing the area on foot and a considerable amount of yelling. A short time later Emergency Communications received a second call from a resident in Crestwood Village indicating that four males came to their location requesting assistance for a gunshot wound.

Upon arrival, deputies found a 16 yr. old male from Frederick with a gunshot wound to his rear upper thigh area. EMS units arrived and treated the victim at the scene and transported him by ambulance to Meritus Hospital in Washington County. The victim was treated and later released from the hospital.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that the victim and three of his friends were on the grounds of the church when they began receiving gunfire from a lone gunman also on the property. All four individuals fled across New Design Road to avoid the shooter.

Deputies established a perimeter at the scene and conducted an extensive search for the assailant by using a K9 and a Maryland State Police Helicopter for assistance. The assailant was not located. The assailant is described as a black male in his late teens to early 20's medium build wearing jeans and a dark jacket as described by witnesses.

A weapon has not been recovered and detectives continue with the investigation. It is believed that the incident may have been victim specific and was not random.

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's help in obtaining any information that might lead to the identification and arrest of the assailant from this incident. Please contact DET Britt at 301-600-3601 or our **TIPS LINE** at 301-600- 4131